Elephant border for a saree

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 4.6 × 2.1 in (11.7 × 5.3 cm).



Which color goes where.

Stitches

- **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
  Tails, saddle cloths, head bands, tusks, eyes, lotus bud, green cups, birds, bird wings, bird bills, hanging buds
- **Straight stitch**, 1 to 3 strands
  Tail tufts, toenails, saddle fringes, head bands, bird legs
- **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
  Far legs, bodies, heads and trunks, ears
- **Split stitch**, 1 to 2 strands
  Outlines, trunk lines, eyes
- **Chain stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Straps, saddle cloths, ears, ground line, scallops, top line, swags
- **Stem stitch**, 2 to 3 strands
  Anklets, lotus bud, head bands
- **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands
  Saddle cloths, head bands, scallop drops
- **French knot**, 1 to 2 strands, two wraps
  Saddle cloths, head bands, eyes, bird eyes

Floss

- **DMC 3852 Very Dark Straw**
  Saddle cloths (middle), ground line, top line, tails and scallop drops and 9 more parts
- **DMC 741 Medium Tangerine**
  Hanging buds (lightest), ears (shade 4 of 7), tail tufts and 3 more parts
- **DMC 642 Dark Beige Gray**
  Far legs (middle), bodies (middle dark), heads and trunks (dark), ears (shade 2 of 7)
- **DMC 640 Very Dark Beige Gray**
  Far legs and bodies (dark), trunk lines, heads and trunks (darkest), outlines (lighter)
- **DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray**
  Bodies (middle light), heads and trunks (middle), ears (shade 6 of 7), far legs (light)
- **DMC 3790 Ultra Dark Beige Gray**
  Outlines (darker), bodies (darkest)
- **DMC 712 Cream**
  Bodies and heads and trunks (lightest), tusks, eyes (lighter)
- **DMC 822 Light Beige Gray**
  Ears (shade 7 of 7), bodies and heads and trunks (light)
- **DMC 602 Medium Cranberry**
  Saddle cloths, head bands and hanging buds (darkest), birds (darker) and 4 more parts
- **DMC 598 Light Turquoise**
  Scallops (lighter), saddle cloths (lightest), bird wings (light) and 6 more parts
- **DMC 470 Light Avocado Green**
  Green cups, lotus bud (light)
- **DMC 3371 Black Brown** Eyes (darker), bird eyes
- **DMC 351 Coral**
  Saddle cloths (dark), scallops and swags (darker), birds (lighter) and 4 more parts

Stitches, continued

- **Back stitch**, 1 strand
  Bird wings

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron.

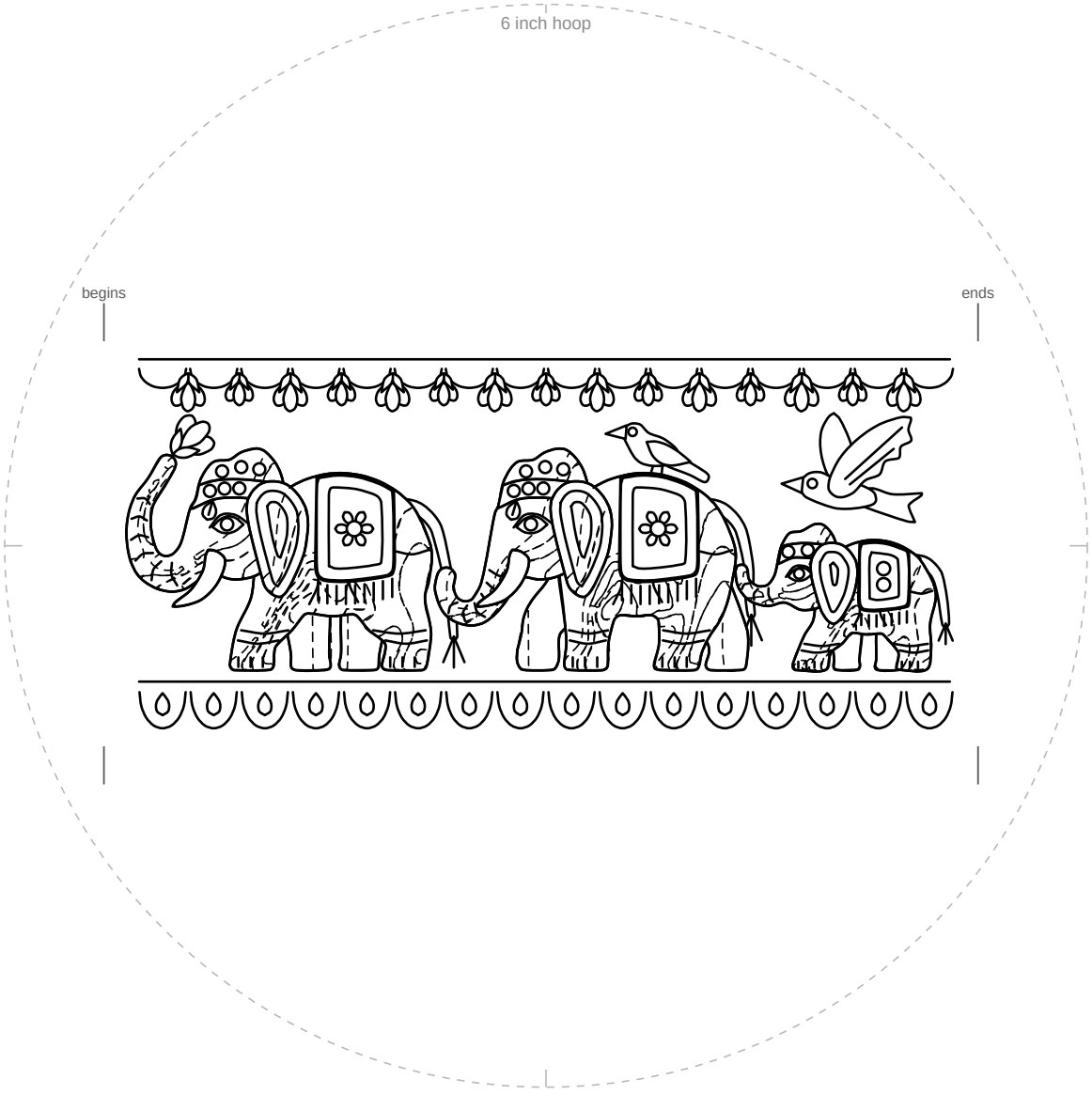
Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off.

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6 inch hoop

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1 in
25.4 mm

For a longer border, trace it again with the mark “begins” on the mark “ends”.

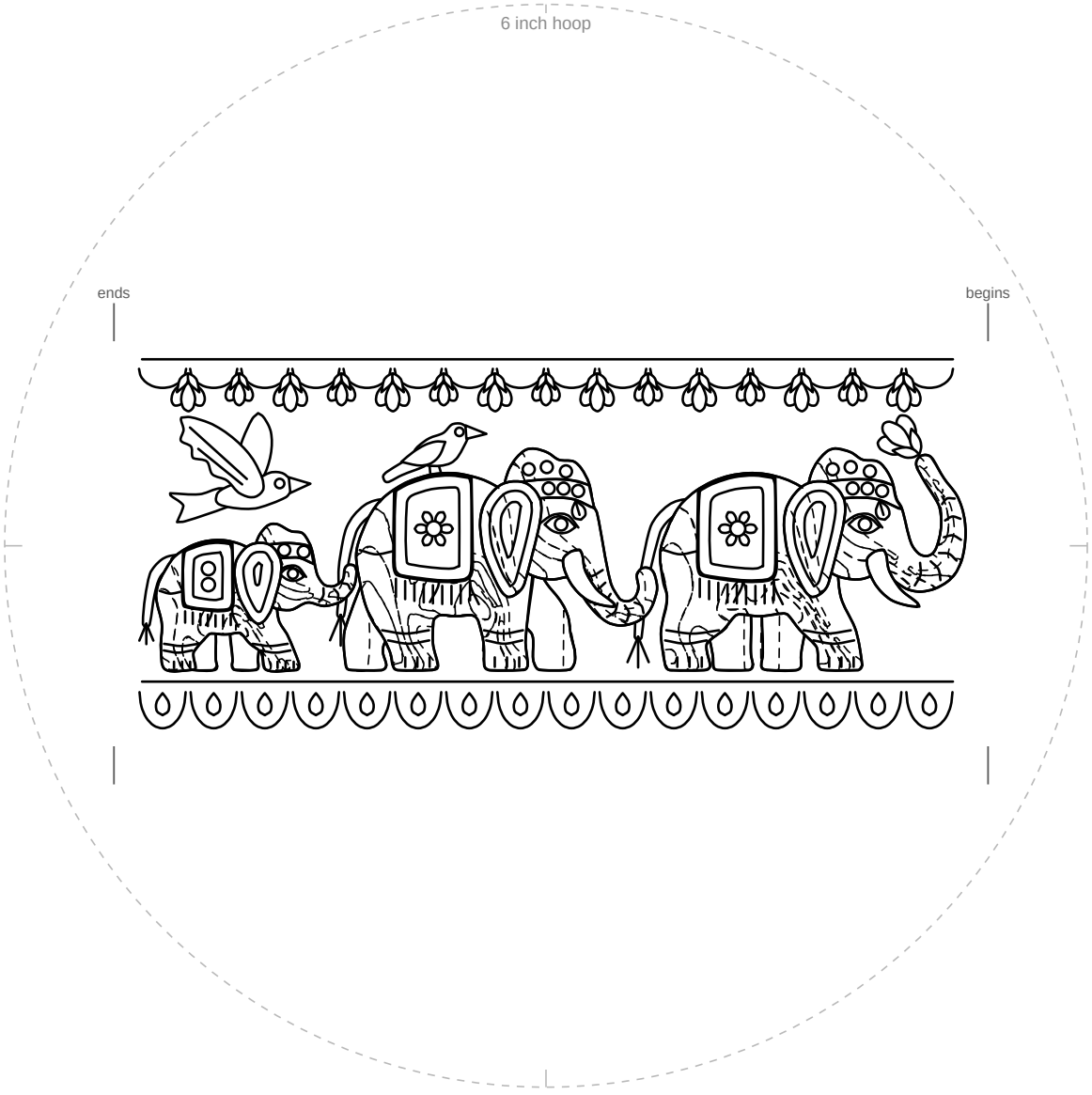
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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